**Coal Requirement of Thermal Power Plants**

266. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual requirement of coal of various thermal power plants during last three years;

(b) the coal fields from which coal is drawn by these plants; and

(c) the details regarding total quantum of coal raised by different coal companies during Eighth Five Year Plan, year-wise, particularly from Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL)?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The total annual requirement (Linkage), receipt and consumption at the year end in respect of various utility Thermal Power Stations for the last three years i.e. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 upto Jan., 1999 is given below:—

(in 000 tonnes)

| Year | Linkage | Receipt | Consumption |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 203560 | 197329 | 182886 |
| 1997-98 | 233635 | 208979 | 166599 |
| 1998-99 (upto Jan' 99) | 182886 | 202809 | 170313 |

(b) Coal is supplied to various utility Thermal Power Stations from different coal fields under the coal companies like BCCL, CCL, SECL, WCL, MCL, NCL and SCCL.

(c) The total quantum of coal received by different thermal power stations from coal companies including MCL during 8th Five Year Plan is given below:—

(In million tonnes)

| Year | Total coal receipts from all coal companies including MCL | Coal receipts from MCL |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 142.62 | 11.51 |
| 1993-94 | 158.18 | 14.19 |
| 1994-95 | 162.46 | 15.88 |
| 1995-96 | 179.14 | 21.45 |
| 1996-97 | 195.92 | 24.82 |

**Taking Over SEB Power Plants by NTPC**

267. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has any proposals to acquire and run power plants belonging to State Electricity Board;

(b) if so, what are the plants thus selected;

(c) what are the norms for selection of plants to be taken over by NTPC;

(d) whether any such plants will be taken over in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has in the past acquired (2×210 MW) Unchahar Thermal Power Station in 1992 from Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam (UPRVUN) and Talcher Thermal Power Station (4×60 MW + 2×210 MW) in 1995 from Orissa Electricity Board.

(c) The Government has not prescribed any norms for selection of plants to be taken over by NTPC. NTPC, however, takes into account various factors for take-over, which inter-alia